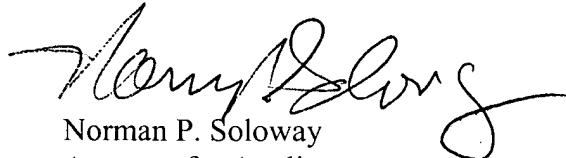


REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate a multiple dependent claim, and to eliminate reference numerals consistent with U.S. practice. Also, "means" language has been eliminated to avoid application of 35 USC 112(6). No new matter is believed to have been entered. It is requested that the filing fee be calculated based on the claims as amended. Examination of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

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